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STATE FOR NEA/ARN POPE; USDOC FOR CAGNE HALE

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: HOTEL SITUATION IN BEIRUT

1. NOTWITHSTANDING RUMORS IN WASHINGTON THAT AT LEAST TWO OF THE BIG THREE BEIRUT HOTELS (PHOENICIA, HOLIDAY INN, AND ST. GEORGES) ARE PARTIALLY RECOMMISSIONED AND BACK IN SERVICE DESPITE WAR DAMAGE, THE FACTS HERE ARE UNHAPPILY JUST THE OPPOSITE. ALL THREE HOTELS ARE EMPTY HULKS: THE ST. GEORGES THOUGHT TO BE UNSALVAGEABLE, THE OTHER TWO SALVAGEABLE ONLY BY A COMPLETE REFITTING OF THE BASIC STRUCTURES. THE UNFINISHED HILTON AND SHERATON BUILDINGS SHOW LITTLE HEAVY CALIBRE DAMAGE BUT WORK TO COMPLETE THEM HAS NOT RECOMMENDED. ONLY THE SWIMMING POOL OF THE ST. GEORGES HOTEL, SURROUNDED BY BIKINI-CLAD YOUTHS AND DWARF EUCALYPTUS IN THE SHADOW OF THE DRESDENIZED BUILDING, HAS REOPENED TO CAPACITY CROWDS.

2. FOR YOUR USE IN BRIEFING BUSINESSMEN OR OTHER TRAVELERS TO BEIRUT, FOLLOWING ARE THE SIX PRINCIPAL HOTELS NOW OPERATING, WITH NUMBER OF ROOMS, TYPICAL SINGLE ROOM RATE PER NIGHT, AND TELEX ADDRESS FOR EACH.

-- LE VENDOME; 125 ROOMS; 50 DOLLARS; 20859 LE/20313 LE.

-- BRISTOL; 162 ROOMS; 50 DOLLARS; BRISTOL/20710 LE.

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-- ROYAL GARDEN; 70 ROOMS; 34 DOLLARS; JOULO/20244 LE.

-- CARLTON; 140 ROOMS; 32 DOLLARS; 20396 LE.

-- COMMODORE; 150 ROOMS; 28 DOLLARS; COMODOR/20595 LE.

-- RIVIERA; 125 ROOMS; 25 DOLLARS; RIVOLT/21546 LE.

TRAVELERS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT A 16 PERCENT SERVICE CHARGE IS ADDED
TO ABOVE RATES.
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